

**MARKED-UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN PARAGRAPH (PAGE 18, LINE 5)**

The rate of degradation is best controlled by the selection of the chemical moiety in the degradation control region, DCR. If degradation is not desired, a DCR can be selected to prevent biodegradation or the material can be created without a DCR. However, if degradation is desired, a hydrolytically or enzymatically degradable DCR can be selected. Examples of hydrolytically degradable moieties include saturated di-acids, unsaturated di-acids, poly(glycolic acid), poly(DL-lactic acid), poly(L-lactic acid), poly( $\xi$ -caprolactone), poly( $\delta$ -valerolactone), poly( $\gamma$ -butyrolactone), poly(amino acids), poly(anhydrides), poly(orthoesters), poly(orthocarbonates), and poly(phosphoesters). Examples of enzymatically degradable DCR's include SEQ ID NO 1 Leu-Gly-Pro-Ala (collagenase sensitive linkage) and Gly-Pro-Lys (plasmin sensitive linkage). It should also be appreciated that the DCR could contain combinations of degradable groups, e.g. poly(glycolic acid) and di-acid.

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Please amend claim 7 as indicated in the accompanying clean and marked-up  
versions:

**CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 7**

A<sup>2</sup> 7 (Once Amended). A material according to claim 6 wherein the enzymatically degradable moiety includes SEQ ID NO 1 Leu\_Glyc\_Pro\_Ala (collagenes sensitive linkage) or Gly\_Pro\_Lys (plasmin sensitive linkage).

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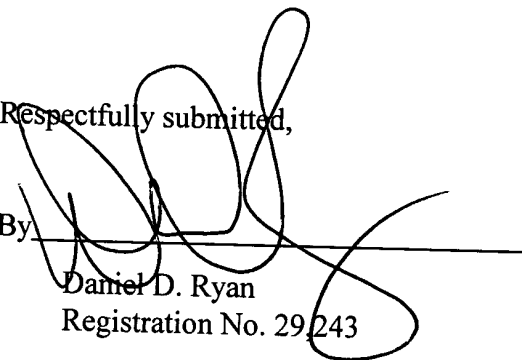
7 (Once Amended). A material according to claim 6 wherein the enzymatically degradable moiety includes SEQ ID NO\_1 Leu\_Glyc\_Pro\_Ala (collagenes sensitive linkage) or Gly\_Pro\_Lys (plasmin sensitive linkage).

**REMARKS**

The Specification and claim 7 have been amended to refer to SEQ ID NO 1. Applicant also hereby submits a computer copy of the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO. 1 and a paper copy of the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO. 1. Applicant certifies that the computer copy and the paper copy are the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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